As for dumping of steel products in the country is concerned measures like imposition of floor price on certain items of steel, restricting imports of seconds and defectives through designated ports and imposition of anti-dumping/countervalling duty are some of the measures taken by the Government.

Raising resources from the capital market and through institutional funding by the steel producers would depend upon their financial soundness and credit worthiness. Extension of further credit for the steel sector would be determined by the lending institutions in their commercial judgement.

National Leechi Research Centre in Bihar

† *289. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foundation stone for the National Leechi Research Centre was laid in Mushhari region of Muzaffarpur district in Bihar by the Minister of Agriculture, during last year; if so, what are the reasons for not starting the construction work, even after a lapse of more than one year;

(b) whether construction of the Centre would be completed during the current financial year; and

(c) if so, the details thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The reasons for not starting the construction work even after a lapse of more than one year is the delay in the execution of lease deed for transfer of land between Bihar Government and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research which happened on 24th June, 2002.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.